

Title:	Articles and Addresses by Adam Shortt, 1900-1931		
Creator:	Adam Shortt (material collected and arranged by Andrew Haydon)		
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Summary of Contents:	<p>A bound scrapbook with the title <i>Articles and Addresses by Adam Shortt</i>. The book is a compilation of publications, newspaper clippings, and journal articles written by or about Adam Shortt. An index in the front lists publications by Shortt in chronological order. A book plate in the front reads “presented by Mrs. Muriel Clarke, Vineland, Ontario, in memory of her father, Adam Shortt, 1967”.</p> <p>Biographical information is included in a 13-page memo titled “Memo obtained from Dr. Adam Shortt in personal interview, August 1928”. A list of academic distinctions and appointments held in Queen’s University is also included, as well as several obituaries.</p> <p>Several letters from Andrew Haydon (a Canadian lawyer and senator) to Adam Shortt are included at the end of the scrapbook.</p> <p>Publications included are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sketches from the Foot-Hills: a modern pilgrim father</i> • <i>Early records of Ontario: extracts from the records of the court of quarter sessions for the district of Mecklenburgh</i> • <i>The Beginning of Municipal Government in Ontario</i> • <i>Imperial Preferential Trade from a Canadian point of view</i> • <i>Preferential Trade between Britain and Canada</i> • <i>Canada and Chamberlainism</i> • <i>Taxation of Corporations</i> (address by Adam Shortt) • <i>The Colonial Conference and its functions</i> • <i>The Taxation of Public Service Corporations</i> • <i>Municipal Government in Ontario: an historical sketch</i> • <i>Personality as a social factor</i> • <i>History of Canadian Metallic Currency</i> • <i>Railroad Construction and National Prosperity: an historic parallel</i> • <i>Life of the Settler in Western Canada before the War of 1812</i> • <i>Municipal Taxation in relation to speculative land values</i> • <i>The Economic Effect of War upon Canada</i> • <i>Historical Sketch of Medical Education of Women in Kingston, Canada</i> (by Elizabeth Smith Shortt) • <i>Early Economic Effects of the War upon Canada</i> • <i>The Significance for Canadian History of the Work of the Board of Historical Publications</i> 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Economic Relations of Canadian Gold Production</i> • <i>The Significance of Locarno</i> • <i>Some Observations on the Financial Relations of the Municipalities</i> • <i>The Makers of Queens</i> 		
Physical Description / Condition:	1 scrapbook		
Other Notes:	<p>Adam Shortt (1859-1931) was an economic historian and pioneering scholar in Canadian economic history. He received his education at Queen's University and the University of Edinburgh. Shortt became a professor of philosophy at Queen's in 1886 and became the university's first full-time professor of politics and economics in 1891. In 1887 he married Elizabeth Smith, one of the first female medical students at Queen's University.</p> <p>Shortt's articles on banking and Canadian history continue to be of value to scholars. He served on the first Civil Service Commission in Ottawa from 1908-1917. The commission was created to reform the federal public service, and was transformed under Shortt's leadership from a patronage-ridden body to an efficient, merit-based professional organization. He also regularly served as an arbitrator in labour disputes. From 1918-1931 he was chairman of the Board of Historical Publications at the National Archives.</p>		
Location:	Brock University Archives		
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